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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL

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SIR:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated June 9, 2006, Applicants respectfully

request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the Declaration under

37 CFR 1.132 of Ralph Isermann (Isermann Declaration) **submitted herewith** and the

following remarks.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

Claims 1-10 remain pending in the application.

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.132

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SIR:

  I, Ralph Isermann, Dipl.-Ing. (TH), a citizen of the Federal Republic of Germany and residing at 24, Neckarpromenade, 68167 Mannheim, Federal Republic of Germany, declare as follows:

  1. I am a fully trained paper engineer, having studied engineering at the University of Kaiserslautern (intermediate diploma), from 1987 to 1989, and paper engineering at the Technical University of Darmstadt (diploma), from 1989 to 1994. During my graduate studies I spent one term at the EFPG Grenoble, France (EFPG: Ecole Française de Papeterie et des Industries Graphiques), I worked on my diploma thesis at the CTP Grenoble, France (CTP: Centre Technique du Papier), and graduated at the Technical University of Darmstadt in 1994;

  I am well acquainted with technical English;

  I joined BASF Aktiengesellschaft of 67056 Ludwigshafen, Federal Republic of Germany, in 1995, start working in applications engineering for paper in Ludwigshafen until